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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Butte County – Deputies Patrolling Evacuated Areas Arrest Six Suspect Looters**

(U) On 12 November deputies arrested two men who ran from them and hid in a nearby home. According to authorities, deputies found a .45 caliber handgun that had been taken from an evacuated home in Paradise. They also found an AR-15 rifle and stolen tools in the garage. An ATV that had been reported stolen was sitting outside. Multiple drugs and drug paraphernalia were in the bedroom. On 13 November, two men were found on a bike path on Skyway in possession of a stolen laptop, as well as a ski mask, drugs and drug paraphernalia. In Chico, deputies also spotted a stolen motor home that had been reported missing out of an evacuated area of Magalia. A man and woman were arrested on suspicion of vehicle theft, possessing a stolen vehicle and looting.

SOURCE: 13 November 2018, [FOX 40](#)

(U) Fresno – Former Police Captain Shot and Killed by Fresno Officers

(U) According to authorities, a retired California police captain with recent mental health problems was shot and killed by officers after he came at them with a 12-inch knife. On 12 November, a woman called 911 saying she feared a man might try to kill himself at a home in Fresno. According to the Police Chief, when officers arrived they saw blood on the floor and were immediately confronted by a man wielding a blade. When a stun gun proved ineffective at stopping the man police opened fire on the former officer.

SOURCE: 13 November 2018, [KCRA](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) California – US Hardens Border at Tijuana**

(U) Otay Mesa – The US government said it started work yesterday to "harden" the border crossing from Tijuana, Mexico to prepare for the arrival of a migrant caravan travelling across western Mexico. Customs and Border Protection announced it was closing four lanes at the busy San Ysidro and Otay Mesa ports of entry in San Diego, California. It said the closures were needed "to install and pre-position port hardening infrastructure equipment in preparation for the migrant caravan and the potential safety and security risk that it could cause."

SOURCE: 14 November 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Mexico – Migrant Caravan: Hundreds Reach Tijuana on US Border

(U) Tijuana – Hundreds of Central American migrants travelling through Mexico to seek asylum in the US have reached the Mexican border city of Tijuana. A splinter group of 400 migrants, reached Tijuana on 13 November aboard a fleet of buses. They joined a smaller group of about 80 migrants who reached the border city on 11 November. Larger groups are expected to arrive at the border in the coming days. The migrants have said they will continue the journey so that they can claim asylum.

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(U) NATIONAL**(U) District of Columbia – FBI: Hate Crimes Increase for 3rd Consecutive Year**

(U) Washington DC – Hate crimes rose in the US by more than 17% in 2017, the third straight year that such prejudice-motivated attacks have risen, according to a report the FBI released yesterday. It is the biggest annual increase in reported hate crimes in more than a decade. The count, which drew on data submitted by more than 3,000 law enforcement agencies, documented 7,175 hate crimes in 2017. The tally was 1,054 higher than the year before.

SOURCE: 13 November 2018, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Michigan – Montreal Man Convicted of Terrorism for US Airport Attack

(U) Flint – A Montreal man who told investigators that his "mission was to kill and be killed" was convicted of terrorism and other crimes on 13 November in the stabbing of a Michigan airport officer. According to investigators, Amor Ftouhi's plan was to stab the officer, take his gun and start shooting people in the airport. He legally drove into the US at Champlain, New York, and arrived in Flint five days later. He tried but failed to buy a gun at a gun show and instead bought a large knife. Ftouhi's attorneys did not offer an opening statement or call on any witness's, but did say in their closing statement Ftouhi was unstable and believed it would be easier to be killed by police in the US than in Canada.

SOURCE: 13 November 2018, [FOX](#)

(U) Ohio – Family Arrested in 2016 Killing of Eight at Marijuana Farm

(U) Pike County – Four family members were arrested on 13 November in the in the execution-style killings of eight people, members of another family, on an Ohio marijuana farm in April 2016. The Rhodens were found dead from gunshot wounds in four separate homes on the farm. They ranged from 16 years old to 44; two infants and a toddler survived. Authorities have yet to report the motivation for the attack.

SOURCE: 13 November 2018, [NBC Los Angeles](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Australia – Three Men Found Guilty of Plotting 2016 Attacks on Melbourne**

(U) Sydney – According to a court ruling on 13 November, three men were found guilty of plotting bomb attacks in the Australian city of Melbourne in 2016. The men were charged with planning to attack prominent sites in Melbourne on Christmas Day that year in what authorities described as "an imminent terrorist event" inspired by ISIS. The plot was inspired by ISIS and the suspects had been under surveillance for weeks. The men will be sentenced later.

SOURCE: 14 November 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Iran – US Blacklists The Son Of Hezbollah Leader

(U) Tehran – The Trump administration levied new sanctions against the Iranian-backed Lebanese group Hezbollah on Tuesday as part of a pressure campaign against Tehran and its proxy forces in the Middle East. The State Department designated Jawad Nasrallah, the son of Hezbollah leader Hasan Nasrallah, and accused him of trying to "activate a suicide bombing and shooting cell based in the West Bank" in January 2016. The department also designated Al-Mujahidin Brigades, or AMB, a group it accused of plotting attacks in Israel and cultivating ties to Hezbollah. Later on Tuesday, the department offered rewards of up to \$5 million each for information leading to the identification or location of two Hezbollah leaders, Khalil Yusif Mahmoud Harb and Haytham Ali Tabataba'i, and Hamas leader Salih al-Aruri.

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